

Morrisville Land Development

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IAR owns 16 acres of land in the town of Morrisville. This land was approved for development by shura. The shura formed a team to conduct community survey to find out community preferences for development.

Community
Survey
Results

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Aug. 2010 Shura MOTION: To approve the recommendation from the strategic planning team to develop the Morrisville land property and form a feasibility study team that should include ICM and Al Iman and other representatives. This team should present to Shura community preferences for development within three months.

Team Members: Brothers Samy Abdel Baky, Abdul Ghafoor Chaudhry, Imran Aukhil, Kamran Qureshi, Shakeel Ansari, Mazen Khusayem, Ikramuddin Aukhil, Hassan Imam, and Sister Sumrien Ali.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO SHURA:

- **Authorize the Planning and Construction Committee to proceed with the Morrisville Development Project as per the following community preferences listed in order of priorities.**

Two High-Priority Items:

1. Musallah/Masjid
2. Schools (K-12) - *Cafeteria will be part of the school facility*

Results of the community survey (in order of priority):

3. Youth Activity Center (*YMCA type facility*)
4. Multi-purpose Hall (Community Center, Dinning/Wedding Hall)
5. Outdoor Park
6. Retail Space (and Office Condos) – *this is very much needed for making the project self-sustaining*

Project-related Community Ideas listed in the Comments Section:

- Indoor Swimming Pool
- Shelter for Women
- Healthcare Services
- Retired Homes
- Day Care Center
- Housing (For Individuals)
- Muslim Library
- GCF(Goodwill) Foundation-like Facility
- Muslim University
- Nursing Home
- Medical Clinic and a Community Pharmacy
- Social Welfare Center

Other Community Comments that were discussed by the Team (For details please refer to the attached Appendix D)

- “I think since the land is worth more money now, sell the land and buy the homes around the IAR and expand here.”
- “Such a project is not needed at this time. The IAR has raised a lot of money to expand and has reached its limits with expansion. You must support your fellow muslims on other projects. The MYCC project is undergoing. Please show your support by putting your project on hold until the MYCC has been completed. The muslim community is generous, but can not support two major projects at the same. Probably my post will end up in a trash can, but I have to fulfill my duty towards the muslim community and warn you that we must work on one project at a time.”

Link to the Presentation:

http://www.raleighmasjid.org/about/Triangle_Muslim_Community.pdf

Appendix A: Online Survey Form

IAR Morrisville Land Development Survey

Assalamu Alaikum Brothers and Sisters: Our current Raleigh location does not have any more room for expansion. The IAR Shura has approved the development of our 16 acres of land in Morrisville. We plan to build a masjid, and a school (Preschool, K-12). However, there are other potential uses for the land. Please tell us how important you think each of these uses are on a scale of 1-5, 5 being "most important" and 1 being "least important". Your input and suggestion is very important for the future development. Jazakum Allahu Khairan.

* Required

Multipurpose Hall *This will function as a community center, auditorium, banquet hall, etc

1 2 3 4 5
Least Important Most Important

Cafeteria/Restaurant *This will provide more sitting/dining space for brothers, sisters and guests

1 2 3 4 5
Least Important Most Important

Retail Space *For use as grocery store, book store, etc. This can provide us sources of income for masjid expenses

1 2 3 4 5
Least Important Most Important

Youth Activity Center *For our growing community and for new youth activities, we need more space

1 2 3 4 5
Least Important Most Important

Outdoor Park *This will serve families and children to enjoy various outdoor activities

1 2 3 4 5
Least Important Most Important

Financial Support *Do you plan on donating for this project?

- Yes
 No

Comments: (Long form comments for the survey participants to fill out)

Appendix B: Paper Survey Form

IAR MORRISVILLE LAND DEVELOPMENT SURVEY

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For each question below, circle the number to the right that best fits your opinion on the importance of the issue.

Usage	Scale of Importance				
	Least				Most
Multipurpose Hall <i>This will function as a community center, auditorium, banquet hall, etc.</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Cafeteria/Restaurant <i>This will provide more sitting/dining space for brothers, sisters and guests</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Retail Space <i>For use as grocery store, book store, etc. This can provide us sources of income for masjid expenses</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Youth Activity Center <i>For our growing community and for new youth activities, we need more space</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Outdoor Park <i>This will serve families and children to enjoy various outdoor activities</i>	1	2	3	4	5
Financial Support <i>Do you plan on donating for this project?</i>	No				Yes

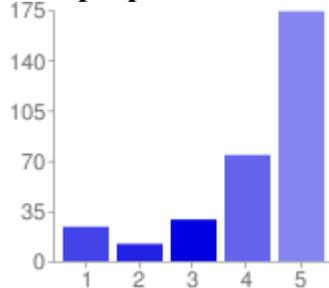
Comments Please provide any other questions or comments:

Appendix C: Survey Summary Results

314 [responses](#)

Summary [See complete responses](#)

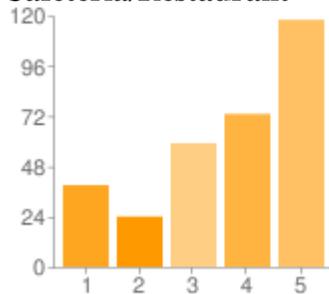
Multipurpose Hall



1 - Least Important	24	8%
2	12	4%
3	29	9%
4	74	24%
5 - Most Important	174	55%

Least Important Most Important

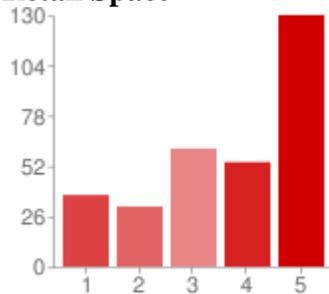
Cafeteria/Restaurant



1 - Least Important	39	12%
2	24	8%
3	59	19%
4	73	23%
5 - Most Important	118	38%

Least Important Most Important

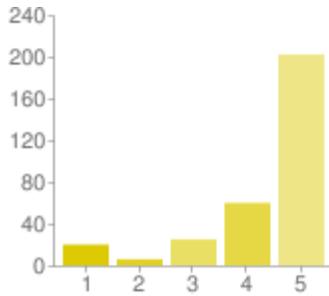
Retail Space



1 - Least Important	37	12%
2	31	10%
3	61	19%
4	54	17%
5 - Most Important	130	41%

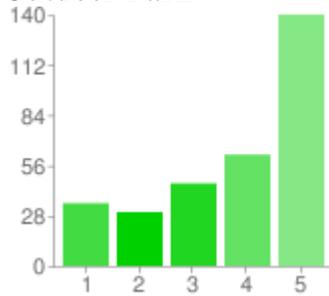
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Youth Activity Center



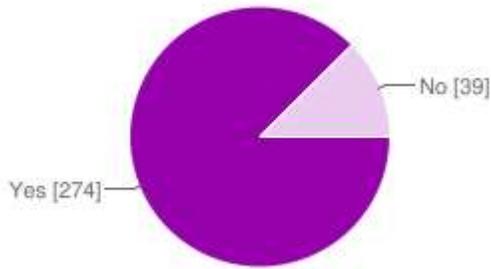
Least Important Most Important

Outdoor Park



Least Important Most Important

Financial Support



1 - Least Important	20	6%
2	6	2%
3	25	8%
4	60	19%
5 - Most Important	202	64%

1 - Least Important	35	11%
2	30	10%
3	46	15%
4	62	20%
5 - Most Important	140	45%

Yes	274	87%
No	39	12%

Appendix D: Community Comments

We need to begin planning asap. The community should be engaged periodically for input. The project should be **handled professionally and should not be totally left up to volunteers** - this will save money and time. The youth community must be engaged in all stages of the project and the development phases must be planned very carefully.

I would be nice to have an **indoor swimming pool**.

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I would like the school and the masjid in **separate buildings**.

More thought should be put into the layout of the school. Examples: Elementary classrooms need larger classroom space. Need area for elementary children to wash feet while performing wudu. Need rooms for middle school elective classes. Need a nurses room for sick children."

Morrisville is growing with muslim families with already a strong base. Having a Masjid and associated facilities in Morrisville will be a great service for both Morrisville and Cary residents.

If everyone says 5 for each item, how do you prioritize?

Please plan 25 years ahead so we don't waste money. Build it that way from day one even if the project is delayed a few years.

What about fund raisers? People sell cookies or different things for schools, churches,... about ask muslims to do that for this project?

Maybe find a sponsor from whom we can get percentages off the sells. Volunteer for car washing, Barbecues, etc

The IAR needs to **generate income not create more expenses** that it can not handle. If you are serious about securing the future of the Triangle Muslim Community I would take the time to hear me out. I have a plan for the Morrisville land, the Raleigh center and the rest of the triangle for the present time and the next 50 - 100 years. Feel free to give me a call.

Top most priority should be **Education**, and there should be **concrete plans for on-going fundraising**

There should be plans for **Community Center**, and educational program from Al-Maghrib

Governance and Leadership should be based on five-year term and not on life term, opportunities should be given to younger generation"

Allah Loves beauty and we need to make this mosque beautiful. We should also strive to provide services for the common good of the umma that not only contribute to the muslim community, but to the community at large regardless of one's faith. These services can include a **shelter for women** suffering from domestic abuse, marital counseling, providing food to the hungry and homeless, free **healthcare services**, education of our children or community, etc.

I think since the land is worth more money now, sell the land and buy the homes around the IAR and expand here. This community donated to build a masjid here in Raleigh. Our location here is great, close to the highway, so people from all over the triangle come here. We've bought homes close to the masjid and brought our family and friends to the area. There's a masjid in Morrisville already. We need to expand here.

We already have a facility in the area that serves these needs of the community.

Since there are multiple projects in our community. There is divided resources. Thus, the offer of planning of support is very limited.

This is an excellent plan. Our youth is our future. Youth needs a safe place to meet and connect within Islamic environment. Allah reward all those who thought about youth.

I would like to see in the new land:

1. **retired homes**

2. **Office building for renting**

3. **Day care**

We need a K-12 school which is affordable to all muslims. We should build a large school which could facilitate a large number of Muslim kids to bring down tuition or make a charter school. Sending our kids to public school is the most severe issue in our community.

The triangle islamic community is already building a new mosque in Cary, just a few miles from Morrisville. Why is IAR starting the Morrisville project now and risk jeopardizing the completion of the Cary project? The Morrisville project should not start until after the new Cary masjid is complete.

I strongly encourage you to build business projects such grocery store, restaurant or any project that will yield income to cover masjid expenses and also support any future investments.

What will become of the current facility after the development of Morrisville? We should insure a solid financial commitment from the muslim community before starting on such a large scale project.

I am highly interested in seeing this happen. I would like to be a part of the planning. However, please start thinking about better times for meetings.

Evenings are not convenient for females married or unmarried. Evenings are better spent in the safety of their homes and with family. This is also the case of males.

I also would like to see the **multiple purpose hall as a flexible space** to be divided in small rooms for conferences and meetings.

I am an engineer and may be able to help in following up with constructions.

This is a very important step toward our future and the future of our children. I definitely endorse this great event and I wish it all the blessing from Allah and the success.

However, I would like to draw your attention to be careful about one way opinion! I recommend that we keep seeking more impute and opinion from all different communities and open the floor for more debate, in particular, in the weekends. I completely agree with planning our future, but prioritizing this planning with keeping in mind the urgent need our community is the most important. In fact, having a high school is, in my opinion, one of the urgent needs that our community is suffering from but we need to be quite careful with the pricing and monthly charges because most of our community can not afford the price range of Al-Iman School for example, and that because it is quite pricy, plus it will be a big mistake to keep thinking that all of us can pay more than couple of hundred a month for one child! We must think about a very creative ways to address, first, Al-Iman School prices and then any others charges may result from this new expansion (high School or any other activities requiring money). I hope that we think about this in very professional way by seeking more opinion and more solution. Thanks and JAK.

My comment is that the survey seems to imply only these five uses (as outlined above)...The survey should have left the potential uses of the property to the community...it is ok to have some ideas for the property but this should be left to the community. It is my understanding that the main uses will be for a mosque and a school (perhaps k-12 or entirely for a high school...that is fine)...However, I strongly recommend that the committee consider some other uses, such as a geriatric/wellness center...which could be used by all, as well as an Educational center (for all ages, which could be used for workshops, training, etc.)...I also see some multi-tiered parking spaces/garage and multi-story housing. Perhaps the IAR should look into purchasing adjacent properties as suggested in the most recent FNP meeting.

I think we should be united and support one large project in the communitu at a time.

This is great project but I am going to support the N. Raleigh project first and then Cary Masjed and then Apex.

In the past 7 years the IAR wasted allot of money and there are allot of work need to be done before we move to the next project.

We need to fix the problem with the parking lot of the IAR.

It better to buy all of the houses next to IAR. This is the heart of the city, this is where we should be focusing.

We need to clean the IAR area of our miss before we go and start making miss in the RTP.

It is so shame of the IAR that all of the houses next to IAR are non Muslim but one house.

I am surprised the survey did not include the most important facility which is The Islamic School. We need to expand Al-Iman School into a high school and hopefully have enough space to merge Al-Noor and Al-Iman.

We also need to consider an Islamic Loan and instant building ""when you build it, they will come"". It will be easier to enthuse people to donate and pay off the loan for a facility they already use and enjoy than for an invisible project. By the time we slowly raise funds the prices of construction would have trippled.

Al-Iman School should be one of the top priorities.

I do not remember how many times I have had to tell prospective parents that we do not have high school. And you should see their faces when I tell them their only alternatives are homeschooling and public school. The school needs to be the number one priority!

We have to ""feed"" minds and ""feed"" souls first.

New youth need to spend their weekdays in an Islamic school before they spend their weekends in an acitivity center or park.

Please work together w/ other projects in the area so as to not get into a competitive mode. I and probably others in the community would like the gain ajr for both the initiatives but at the same time would not like to stretch ourselves too thin.

There also should be a focus on building out **housing for individuals** interested in living near the center. That can be a small sub-development or a number of homes, the IAR can rent them out as an investment or sell them for a profit.

I am not sure whether the Youth Activities Center includes this, but we should have a **YMCA type** facility, with exercise equipment and a pool, and design it so that it is easy for Muslims of both genders to work out comfortably. A low membership fee could be charged (to maintain it, and to ensure people feel responsibility) from working adults. Basketball, racquetball courts, as well as studios for yoga or karate could be used by the youth for activities. It should be 'architected' to allow both families and singles to work out comfortably and spend time together with their families. In 25 years, most adults in the community will be American-born Muslims who would actually benefit greatly from having such a family-friendly Muslim-friendly service available. Healthy families = healthy youth. In addition, this 'YMCA' could have a youth hostel type facility with sisters' dorms and brothers' dorms, etc. etc. Here's a link to one of the biggest ones: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/YMCA_of_Greater_New_York

Also, the Muslim female community really struggles with maintaining healthy bodies (which equal healthy minds) and the ripple effect of having healthy mothers is, well, huge.

Another crucial need is for **Muslim daycares** (not just preschool, but even for infants and toddlers) so that from an early age, when parents have to go to work or school, they can be sure certain moral and ethical principles are established. This should be a five-star facility with Muslims with degrees in Early Childhood Education or Child Psychology staffing it; I know of many women who are interested in working in this field, and a small scholarship with a commitment to work at this facility would go a long way.

In addition, I'd like to say that the imam training program is great, but first you all should really try to get an imam/youth leader from Hartford Seminary so that you have someone who has been formally trained from a well-established program. Eventually, a scholarship could be established to send people there, and then eventually we should have our own training program.

One big thing that may be part of the plan, but don't see it directly, is having a good **Muslim library**. The current library is shamefully inadequate. It should have books on various social sciences and humanities and maths that all end up mattering in religion, biographies of great figures, the great Muslim works, and eventually, when we have our American trained scholars, a translation project of great works we cannot access.

The cafe is also a great idea; if it's structured like Panera, has Wifi, and is attached to the library, people will naturally pick up books on Islam, and hang out near the masjid more often. "

Retail Space : like **GOODWILL (GCF FOUNDATION) WE CAN MAKE OUR ISLAMIC FOUNDATION AND SALE USED ITEMS.**"

Following Facilities will also make sense, Marriage and Youth Conciliar Office with Hired Professional Muslim Councilors

Add Indoors Soccer as Youth Activity as it would also allow mosque to earn Revenue all year along.

This will benefit the Mosque, The Youth and the Com-unity as we don't have much options for this kind of facility in the Area at all.

There are hardly 3 indoor soccer area in this area which are highly booked all year along.

This space is very precious and useful if used properly. Please DO NOT waste it on the things you listed up (such as a park which are plenty in the Wake County; or the Youth Activity Center which will be available when MYCC is completed; or Cafeteria/Restaurant which are plenty in the Morrisville area). Please utilize this land wisely for things which are not available in the entire Souteast region like a **Muslim High School and a Muslim University** where Muslim Scholars of the future can be developed. Then a lot of people from other areas will move to this area just for the Muslim High School and University.

I would also like to see a large real Muslim Library for all ages (not like the one in IAR where most of the things are for sale and it is mostly a bookstore rather than a library)."

Most important part is to make this facility a good community, service center, which should self sufficient as far as finance is concerned. I am member of Cary YMCA. It is a good example, it generate a good income as well as it provide the good services, to families who are members.

Income source should be Gym Club member ship, Swimming pool, **Dinning Hall and Wedding Hall**, Catering services,. Grocery outlet (including meat shop), Classes for SAT etc.

We should strive for world class facilities, so even non Muslim wants to join and pay for it."

Mash Allah we have plenty of parks, etc. In Morrisville, but we really need a safe place for our muslimahs to gather for exercise and halal social events. We also need a bookstore and CLEAN halal meats store. If we could offer a bakery and grocery that has great customer service, we could make a profit for the masjid and needy families. We have a large Muslim population now mash Allah and they seem to demand high quality and good customer service.

The most important need to our community, I think is a K-12 School and tuition should be reasonable, not like Al-Iman School. The tuition for Al-Iman is too much for many families in our community to afford. Think of establishing Charter School so that we can get some govt. funding as well. Banquet hall can also generate some money but we should charge a nominal fee.

I agree with most of the plan that was submitted. However, not mentioned is a Islamic **Nursing home** for the Senior citizens,(most have realized by now that they are not able to care for Sick Seniors family members at home adequately without 24/7 professional help. (sometime you can get the help sometimes you cannot no matter how much money you may have) As a healthcare professional all of my life I've seen the problems that have prevailed. Muslims Seniors need to be in a Islamic environment with other seniors that are Muslim not just left with a caretaker alone and close by to the active Muslim community. Twenty (20 years) from now many 50 year olds today will be 70 and unable to care for themselves. Unlike back home children will not be able care for you at home. Non-Muslim care takers can be very probmatic in caring for Older Muslims. We also need a Healthcare Center not just a clinic (We have enough healthcare professionals in our community in every area of healthcare, Nurses, Aides, Doctors, MD Specialist, Social workers, Lab tech. Physio therapist, Dieticians etc.

What are we waiting for??? We as Muslims have special needs in old age exsposing our older men and wemon to non-Muslims for this most personal needs is unacceptable when we have the ability to care for our own in an Islamic environment. close to the Muslim community. Also Senior Citizen housing is also needed. I also urge Boarding school for future Islamic scholars

I classify each of these areas that I have mentioned as 5 (five)

Creating Masjids and School is good, however, the lack of political training and non-existence of Muslim Think Tanks are keeping Muslim away from participating in real American life w/o which Muslims can not be successful in this country. This think tank can provide literary work, social direction, and future planning to expand the Muslim way of life in the general public, in general, and would provide direction

to expand programs in the emerging minorities, such as Spanish minority, which one day would be leading this country.

A long term planning MUST include the establishment of such institutions.

Think about creating a space worthy of inviting the key leadership of this country, a convention hall for events organization (and renting for revenue generation), having business events, allowing participation of Muslim into the main stream.

Have we explored the option of selling this property and purchase a smaller but ready building like the one in N Raleigh?

Fund raising is a long and depleting effort.

It is a long overdue project - maybe we shall be thinking already about a 'hospital' or a 'university/college' as well. We have to think now and Allah will provide the opportunity and the funds soon insha-Allah.

Make sure you have enough space for the youth and learning to be the future leaders

The project should be deployed with consideration and due respect to the views of all area muslim residents. One sincerely hopes this will not be of a similar fashion to the manner in which IAR bulldozed the Chapel Hill Islamic society and one individual, appointed from the IAR (and who had no knowledge, skills or background to deal with the situation) clearly sided with one group and sidelined the untiring efforts of long term residents of Chapel Hill

We need **Medical Clinic and a Community Pharmacy**. Please include a Medical Clinic and a Community Pharmacy this in you project.

I would like to see a multi-functional multi-purpose facility, Insha-Allah. I would also like to see an indoor pool and exercise facility so brothers and sisters can also be strong, fit believers. I would also like the school PreK -12 with playground area, and even a babysitting center. All of the needs of the Muslim community can be serviced and then we can even attract non-muslims as dawah. We can have this and more with the help of Allah Subhana wa' ta' Ala.

There are too many masjids to support now. In the beginning there was 1 but now there are more than 3 so money donated will be split among the local masjids.

Property should be self sustaining with atleast 75% generated from business sources. Medical center would be a great vehicle for this with funds going to support the facility. Retail space would also be needed. A youth center is a must. Great work!

This is very exciting to hear, considering there is a growing population of Muslims in the Morrisville area. We would support it 100%.

Gym and swimming pool for sisters.

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE work on well thought out, efficient, and easy parking lot/deck! We have become pests to the IAR surrounding community and it is difficult on us and a hassle to park at IAR. Please put some time and money into this aspect for Morrisville. A welcome center for people learning about Islam or Muslims new to the area would be great and is lacking at IAR.

IAR needs to demonstrate the good will and its sincere commitment to this project by establishing and building a Musallah first; by that I mean immediately. All the rest are bells and whistles that can follow on later. The community grapevine is that there is one Chowdhury brother who has been an impediment and dragging this project down. Pray that Allah gives him hidayah and makes him a supporter rather than a dissenter. We regularly visit ICM with family and the place is not really a comfortable facility to be in given the large turnout of people. I have donated modestly in the past; but have not seen anything in return towards this masjid besides being told that the money was taken away by IAR towards this land and masha-allah the ICM community is about to celebrate their 3rd Ramadan.

Can IAR work with MSA to expedite this project or help ICM buy a facility that can be used as a Musallah?

This is a great initiative and I plan to support it in any way I can.

The Masjid and Professional school complex is the most important for our future generation and will create the most traffic and utilization of the center and should be given the priority in the land allocation and future expansion when needed later on, other projects can come next to support without undermining the school potential and future needs for expansion on the campus.

I would love to see a banquet hall where Muslim weddings can take place in a decent fashion or the hall could be rented for big iftaar get-togethers and of course food catered from the masjid. This could provide income for the masjid as well. I would love to see facilities for both male and female youth. An avenue for small Muslim business owners perhaps where they could set up shop. A nice sit-down restaurant providing all-halal food would be nice. Ample parking is also a must. I am very excited about this project. InshaAllah may Allah bless us with success in this endeavor.

Be proactive and embrace the community and other religions, else this will become a lot like projects in Murfreesboro, TN and New York City. Though those projects have been open and forthright, they underestimated the Christian 'right-wing' and misinformation that the media has portrayed about mosques and Islamic centers. Show the world that NC Muslims are progressive leaders who embrace the economic and social vitality of the state, cities, and local communities. We are Americans and we are Muslims and we are NC citizens. This is exciting, for both the greater Raleigh-area community and Muslim Americans.

The school is of paramount importance and is the next step in moving this community forward.

We need to develop a second and more professional school campus that will serve our future generation of students and staff so the Muslim community is able to accommodate the ongoing demand for preschool till K12.

I think the survey was a good idea ,so keeping that sprit in mind the planning committee needs to be diverse so that all of the community has a say ,not just the shura and board members., after all the Masjid is for all.

Such a project is not needed at this time. The IAR has raised a lot of money to expand and has reached its limits with expansion. You must support your fellow muslims on other projects. The MYCC project is undergoing. Please show your support by putting your project on hold until the MYCC has been completed. The muslim community is generous, but can not support two major projects at the same. Probably my post will end up in a trash can, but I have to fullfil my duty towards the muslim community and warn you that we must work on one project at a time.

Please think about helping other projects in the area like MYCC North Raleigh, Cary Masjid etc before you start anything new, because these opportunities are for the Muslims too. Alhumdolillah I have been a big supporter of IAR ever since I moved to Raleigh but that does not mean I do not support other projects managed by other muslims. Sorry to say but I have always found IAR management bringing up some new projects when ever other projects in the area need support from the Muslims. Please be considerate as I am sure everyone is trying to do it for Allah (swt). JazakAllah-e-Kahiran

Masha Allah We have such a huge land. The community can use this for lot of good things and benefit from it. It is also good for our future generation.

We have recently moved from Chicago. Our kids have always attended Islamic Schools. It is very important to us to raise our kids in an Islamically sound environment. We recently moved to Raleigh to and were happy to know that Al-Iman school is here. We were however saddened to learn that there is currently no high school in this area. We are not in favor of a virtual high school. I would love to see a high school built on the land you are proposing inshallah. This is the top priority for our kids.

I strongly feel that we should put more of the money/focus towards Islamic counseling for youth, hiring speakers from around the world to come talk, in order to motivate our youth of today in order to make a strong UMMAH for tomorrow.

The masjids are beautiful and very comfortable, JZK, but Rasulullah (saw) masjid was dirt!

I believe students of the Islamic community should have teachers specialized and educated in making Islamic connections and references to every school subject. ex: When learning/teaching about science, make an Islamic correlation from hadiths/Qur'an; or in gym, mention how being active and healthy is good in Islam and pull out hadiths/Qur'an quotes that mention and support this.

Push for higher energy efficiency, i.e. solar panels, solar water heating, skylights

Please keep in mind An-noor school expansion to islamic university having affiliation with area universities offering courses in Islamic studies."

I learned this idea from one brother, in case the committee hasn't received it:

- Create this project as an investment for each community member as a shareholder. He/she can put his share on his/her account (with minimum, say \$1,000) and can add or withdraw (but not the principal). If we have 1,500 households (8,000 eid prayer attendance:6), total initial investment would be at least \$1.5 millions. With that amount, develop activities that would bring a stream of revenue for operational and maintenance (e.g. sport center, convention center, business center, etc). Hire professional managers and users must pay dues/rent/lease. Any excess/shortage income each year will be added/subtracted to each shareholder account. Shareholders will decide what will be the next activities to develop should the investment getting bigger, one step at a time.

- Consult with other planned project in North Raleigh about the same development near Wake Tech campus so that there will be synergy not competition. Also consult with other islamic center in the Triangle on what their needs to reduce services' duplication.

- in case the committee needs to contact me: I pray this project is blessed by Allah swt and that it comes to fruition with ease, ameen. I think it is absolutely essential to create revenue sources within the masjid's infrastructure. The masjid cannot continuously rely on donations to fund it's existence. In this new space, there should be a lot of thought put into building things that will allow the masjid to generate revenue to help with expenditures. Examples from the current masjid are the bookstore and restaurant. Another option might be creating apartments/rooms for rent that people could live in, a banquet hall that can be rented, etc.

My concern is how the money will be generated for both Raleigh and Morrisville centers?. It is a very big expense and we need to have a committee established by IAR shura. This committee should look into details of generating Revenues before we take the next step."

I suggest we consider building a "**Social Welfare Center**". This facility can serve the various Social & Welfare needs of the Community by housing facilities like Women living quarters (shelter), Clinic, Food Pantry (including cafeteria), office space for counselling services, play area for children for women/clients staying there, library/recreational facility, etc. This will be a a Social Welfare Center rather than a Women's shelter as captured in the presentation and can serve many needs of the Needy and less privileged.

i don't understand why are you building this right now?,instead of puting the effort toward the 2 already strugling locations,Apex and North Raleigh.i mean come on people this is not a race toward who can be bigger,or is about let me get more money?.wa Allh what i see now is,just like people are doing in Churches,my church and my people.

I feel we need a Islamic Day Care center where working Moms can leave their children from ages 3 months to 3 years.

Traffic is a major concern for me for the area. Is there a stoplight at Church St and Highway 54? It'll make coming/going to JummaH prayer a lot easier. Also please allocate a good portion of the space to

parking and make sure the parking is planned in such a way that it doesn't wrap around the masjid like it does in Raleigh and the incoming/outgoing flow of cars into the parking lot is smooth. Simplify the building layout. Imran if you're reading this, i think it's important that the masjid building looks really appealing (not extravagant - not asking for minarets and crystal chandeliers), but don't make it look like a boring office complex. Reserve a section of land for a playground and a soccer field that's got a tall, solid fence. Growing up at IAR, the fences were really weak and we never had our own soccer field. Also, don't mix the gym with the MPH like Raleigh, keep them separate. We don't need 6 hoops. Just set aside an indoor room just enough for full-court bball (think NCSU racketball room size). Soundproof any of the musallah's shared walls. Showers in the bathroom for people doing Itikaf during Ramadan. Give sisters their own permanent area in the musallah that offers a view of the imam, but at the same time make it convenient for them to access. I notice during off-hour prayers women use the main musallah room at IAR (throwing them on the 2nd floor like at IAR isn't a good idea). I've got a lot more ideas and want to be involved in the planning, feel free to contact me. -Azeem Ansari (azeemans@gmail.com)

Please add a place to keep expired muslims and funeral management washing etc. cold storage

Morrisville is far for many people. The new project should be located somewhere in Raleigh because it is in the middle and many find it easier. And many are more attached to the Raleigh masjid. Some adults and mostly the kids will not want to go to the Morrisville masjid because many of their friends wouldn't come there.

Provide a free Health Clinic

No elderly center we take care of our family

One suggestion, Why don't we buy the property where we are located right now. and sell the one at Church street. Just a thought..

A indoor or outdoor Swimming pool is very important to protect our community from Nudity and shame, for man and women both, in order to create a clean and modern community we provide them, then expect from them to protect your eyes. A movie theater where we can audit our won movies and show it. A small Islamic University campus for distant learning.

I think we need Wellness facility for sisters, like a gym. Sisters don't have a private places to exercise are sitting home where brother can go any Gym. Please consider as priority. My we can add to Outdoor Park so that sisters can exercise while their kids playing.

"I am a firm believer in the idea that the Masjid should be a more than just a place of worship. We should have every excuse to go near the masjid. This means the more activities we can create around the masjid the more beneficial it will be as it will naturally draw people to that location. The benefit to that is we get into a habit of going to the masjid as we do other daily chores and are always in contact with other muslims.

I am also a firm believer in a model for a masjid that is self sustaining financially. What I mean by this is that during the planning stages as much care should be given to how the masjid will be financially

prosperous as any other detail in the plan. This means creating a source of revenue for the masjid with ideas as you have outlined above with retail space, banquet hall even some paid residential apartments which would give it some stream revenue to strengthen the masjid financially over time.

Just my thoughts, I would be interested in other more detailed discussions if you see fit. "Swimming pool for Muslim women/girls.

Please give seniors thought and shelter."

Schools are better place for youth activities. Masjid/Mosque are not intended for outdoor activities and/or enjoyment. I am totally against for a basketball court in the masjid and/or next to the masjid.

Please - Women's gym only -- 5

Please - Men's gym only -- 5"

Rest Home --- 5 (importance)

Will pay only if money is spent wisely. Construction Committee should consist of the followings: 1. Lawyer 2. CPA 3. Civil Engineer 4. Civil Engineer Architect 5. Electrical engineer

Bathing facility for janaza.

Need for senior citizens above age 60 years: - 1-2 bedrooms apt. with kitchen 2 BA etc.

Senior citizens should purchase these units and donate to the masjid after the end of their life. This will provide a spiritual life for elderly as well as look for friendship with families. Thank you."

After college, I plan to go to an Islamic School overseas. It would be great to finally have a college or university for islamic studies.

Would this project affect the living of non-Muslims in Morrisville or other cities where Islamic centers are?

Please make a tahara room so that we can wash our dead brothers and sisters in dignity.

Spend less money on fancy TV's, furniture. We are not selling the masjid - it's a place of worship. work on spirituality.

Retail space should be for Muslims. not open to public - add few apts for rental

Make the school affordable for low income families and single moms who need help raising their children in the proper Islamic way.

I think we need to open a college/university.

Youth Activity Center -- specially for sisters

May Allah helps us in all our good intentions towards and the good ideas to Expand... Amen

An Activity Space for sisters is extremely important. We utilize the gym at IAR but have to constantly advocate for "closed" gym so the men will not enter. Although we post signs and even sit at post sisters at the doors we struggle with keeping/guarding our modesty in our gym. A space that we could utilize for exercising or physical activities is greatly needed.

I suggest a Womens Center.

-Frankly I think that the Muslim community here is duplicating their efforts.

-There is another huge program being built in North raleigh & Mosques in Durham.

-wouldn't be better to lenit the effort to give better services & improve the quality of the services provided to the Muslim community. I know you have good intentions but this doesn't justify this mistake at least I hope you would reconsider the project and think about more cooperation with existing muslim's projects.

Please consider a women's shelter, an apartment complex for ex-offenders and clothing store for Muslims.

There should be a soccer/football field outdoors for the youth sports Activities.

We should have a high quality of nursing home for our elderly sick not retirement home.

This is very good i am looking forward to this inshalla.

Location is not good for such a big project. Road condition is not good. Even in morrisville master plan they don't have any plan chruch road. I would recommend to buying place some where else.

We seriously need a high school for our Muslim children to attend. The school should be the 1st priority, followed by all of the other mentioned items above.

I think if your intention is to build a school, then the IAR masjid off Ligon street has plenty of room for more kids. If you want to build another masjid, the masjid in Raleigh is empty most of the prayers. An outdoor park is not a bad idea, but we should not spend funds just for an outdoor park, when all is very easily available in Raleigh Masjid. An auditorium and dining hall? We have a huge gymnasium in the Raleigh masjid that can accomplish this very task, which is empty most of the time anyways.

How about investing in an organic farm so muslims can have fresh organic fruits and vegetables to buy, which will be a continuous source of income. A masjid is always a good idea, but if the raleigh masjid is empty most of time, it seems like a waste of money to build another mosque, which will be even less occupied than the masjid in Raleigh."

Call it "Islamic Village" and build to that concept.

Youth should be the most important target for any plan of our community as they are the future leaders and presenter of our community. They also face huge challenges everyday at school, streat, and everywhere they go. We have to do our best to protect them and give them the right environment to become strong and successful leaders.

Also, having a source of income is extremely important as we will need a granted income to support this great plan and not just rely on donations.

A grocery store in Harris Teeter and Lowes Food is a great option. Also, apartment complex for rent is a great option too. Yarab (O God) you face all kind of success on this great project and may Allah SWT reword you for the amazing work you do for the community.

Establishing an Islamic High school would be excellent

I suggest to keep the project in manageable phases. It is a good idea to determine the need, start small and grow in multiple phases.

There is one more very important need that is becoming ever more significant is a Medical Clinic. All it requires is a small annex to other buildings with few examination rooms and a reception area. The general population known as baby bloomers are coming of retirement age that need some close caring. I would give the need a five on importance. This is a visionary thing many might not realize this at this time however it is very important for future. I am willing to sit and talk more of the aspects as a member of the Mariam Clinic.

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